REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	07 June 2001
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Seventeen Special 14
Other Known Titles:	Seventeen Special Seventeen 14
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Dutch

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Seventeen Special 14	Running time:	80.32
Trailers:	Güfa Age Restriction & Copyright Warning Notices	Running time:	0.19
	Videorama Presents Notice		0.30
	Seventeen Special Trailer Notice		0.10
	Seventeen Special Seventeen 13		3.00
	Seventeen No. 12		3.00
	Seventeen Special Nr. 11		1.42
		Total Running time:	89.13

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording *Seventeen Special 14* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video recording promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and promotes and supports the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. The presentation of women in the video recording highlights youthful characteristics in conjunction with explicit depictions of sexual activity intended to sexually arouse the viewer. Although it is likely that the female participants are in their late teens or early twenties, the viewer is given significant encouragement to think of them as young persons. This intent is signalled in the publication's title and accentuated by the participants' colourful casual teenage clothing and accessories. The age-related term "Seventeen" is placed before the viewer in every scene on headbands and T-shirts. The publication validates the idea that young females are desirable sexual partners. Two trailers that follow the feature depict urination in a sexual context. The acts of urination presented are given a sexual meaning by their placement in a series of sexual images, and are presented for the sexual arousal of the viewer, thus legitimising the use of urine as a sexual practice.

A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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